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	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	JP 07-061550	MARCH 7, 1995	KATSUO
2.	JP60-855514	JUNE 12, 1985	UMEMOTO

B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

C. Explanation of Relevance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

1. JAPANESE Patent No. 07-061550 published March 7, 1995 to

Katsuo discloses a conveyance unit.

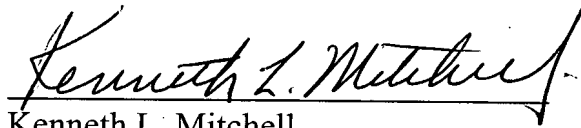
2. Japanese Patent No. 60-855514 published June 12, 1985 discloses a conveying

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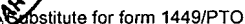
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